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SUBJECT: VISIT TO BULGARIA OF T. ARMSTRONG, SPECIAL ADVISOR TO
SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

REF: A. ATHENS 12728

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1. SPECIAL ADVISOR ARMSTRONG, ACCOMPANIED BY EMBASSY
LONDON AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE STENSWICK, WERE IN SOFIA
FROM EARLY EVENING DECEMBER 8 TO LATE MORNING
DECEMBER 9, FOLLOWING SCHEDULE REF A.

2. EMBASSY REQUESTED APPOINTMENTS WITH GOB DEPUTY
PRIME MINISTER LUKANOV AND MEAT DSO DIRECTOR GENERAL
SPASSOV, AND SUBSEQUENTLY, LIVESTOCK BREEDING ENTERPRISE
DIRECTOR HINOVSKI, PER REF B. GOB INFORMED EMBASSY
DECEMBER 7 THAT LUKANOV WOULD BE OUT OF COUNTRY, THAT
SPASSOV HAD RESPONDED TO PROTOCOL'S REQUEST FOR
APPOINTMENT BY SAYING HE DID NOT WISH TO DISCUSS
BULGARIA'S LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT PLANS WITH VISITOR,
AND THAT HINOVSKI WOULD BE AVAILABLE AFTERNOON
DECEMBER 9, BUT WOULD BE OUT OF TOWN DURING MORNING.

3. ARMSTRONG AND STENSWICK WERE GIVEN FULL POLITICAL
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AND ECONOMIC BRIEFING BY EMBASSY STAFF MORNING OF

DEC. 9. DESPITE FACT THAT GOB WOULD NOT COME UP
WITH REQUESTED APPOINTMENTS FOR TIME PERIOD OF VISIT,
EMBASSY HOPES THAT INFORMATION PROVIDED IN BRIEFING
WILL CONTRIBUTE TO STUDY ARMSTRONG IS PREPARING FOR
SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE.
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